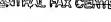


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Response - A

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Regarding Examiner's rejections

1. Rejection for anticipation by Richardson et al.

By way of the Office Action mailed March 23, 2004, claims 9, 15, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Richardson et al. (EP 0672509 A2). This rejection is respectfully traversed to the extent that it may apply to the present claims.

The method of Richardson '509 produces a rubber article by first applying a liquid elastomer to a former, after which a separation material is applied on top of this first layer, and then a liquid elastomer is applied to this separation material (column 1, lines 19-50). Using such a process, the elastomeric bodies preferentially adhere to the separation material rather than each other (column 3, lines 31-36). The two layers are separated by the separation material to enhance detection of any penetration of liquid between the layers (column 3, lines 36-38). Such separation is also desired to allow the separation material to act as a release agent that eases the separation